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PREPARING AND USING SAME

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated

June 20, 1990 in the above-identified application. Applicants
have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for
response to that Office Action up to and including December 20,
1990 and paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a), 1.17].

Applicants request amendment of this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 101, delete the term " N^{1} ' position" and substitute therefore -- N^{1} position --.

REMARKS

Claims 101-103, 110-112, 138-139 and 146-151 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being "unpatentable over the prior